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COMMUNITY ALERT

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



CULTIVATING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

Last Friday I had the opportunity to tour the Grow Academy in Oregon. The Grow Academy is a program through the Division of Juvenile Corrections, which provides residential comprehensive treatment for youth. With an agriculturally-based educational curriculum, the Grow Academy teaches young men the



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skills needed to successfully reintegrate into their communities. While on the tour, I was able to meet with the young men, who graciously gave me fresh pesto, zucchini, and cucumber. The Grow Academy is a great example for a program that could work around the state, providing alternatives to incarceration while teaching a employable skill. There is an expanding need for out of home placement for delinquent, high school credit deficient youth. The Grow Academy recognizes these issues and offers a progressive solution by providing supervision and treatment, as well as educational opportunities. I look forward to seeing the individuals of Grow Academy at my next tour—stay tuned!

GETTING WISCONSIN BACK TO WORK



I'm pleased to announce my appointment as co-chair of Governor Walker's Task Force on Minority Unemployment with fellow co-chair Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. Created in 2012, the Task Force is a subcommittee of the Governor's council on workforce Investment. We have been tasked with identifying and implementing creative solutions to increase minority employment in the Milwaukee area. The Task Force offers training, transitional employment, transporta-

tion, entrepreneurship opportunities to advance the employment of minorities. A 2012 study showed that more than 50 percent of the workingage black male population in the Milwaukee area is unemployed, proving that the Milwaukee community is in dire need of relief. I am honored to have been chosen for this position, and look forward to working with the sub-committee to get Milwaukee and Wisconsin back to work!



Mexican Fiesta!

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for volunteers at the
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UPDATE ON COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS



This Wednesday, I had the pleasure of attending the Milwaukee County 2014 Budget Hearing. The hearing covered the requested budget for the upcoming fiscal year and outlined the primary objectives and goals that the County Board would like to accomplish in 2015. Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele was on

hand to answer questions and address concerns surrounding the budget. Ideally, the upcoming budget seeks to reduce long term costs and avoids unnecessary spending while also improving the efficiency and productivity of businesses and organizations throughout the county. These budget proposals affect all residents within Milwaukee County and create many implications for the future of the Milwaukee Area. In late September, we should expect to hear another presentation for the Recommended 2015 budget, followed by additional hearings before a projected adoption in late November of this year.

GET VACCINATED! STAY HEALTHY!

Vaccines are crucial to ensuring that we, as a community, continue to live healthy lives. Therefore, I encourage you to participate in National Immunization Awareness Month! Each August, NIAM offers an opportunity to highlight the value of immunizations. Shots can prevent serious diseases like the flu, measles, and tuberculosis. It's important to know which shots you need, when to get them, and the fact that these vaccines aren't only for kids! Adults need to get vaccinated to prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases, just like kids do. Talk to your doctor or nurse to make sure that everyone in your family gets the shots they need. For more information, please visit: city.milwaukee.gov/Health/Locations-and-Schedules

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us! We Enjoy Hearing From You!

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"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."

- Robin Williams